

Attorney's Docket No. 03-004
Amendment

Serial No. 10/715,786
3 October 2007

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Best Practices for Managing Applications with Process Control" ("Microsoft"). Claims 9-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims have been amended and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 101

In paragraph 5 on page 2 of the July 2, 2007 Office Action, the examiner asserts that claims 9-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The Examiner rejected the above claims asserting that the preamble of these computer data project claims do not properly recite a statutory invention under 35 U.S.C. 101. While the Applicants do not accept the Examiner's assertion, the Applicants thank the examiner for providing language for the preamble that the examiner believes is proper. The Applicants have adopted the Examiner's proposed preamble language in order to obviate this rejection. As such, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Best Practices for Managing Applications with Process Control" ("Microsoft"). The Examiner's Section 102 rejection is based on alleged anticipation by Microsoft in that it teaches or suggests the use of affinity masks to control operation of processes that have been grouped by related applications. The applicants have amended the independent claims to more clearly recite what is considered to be the invention. Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to recite the dynamic management of the affinity masks using priority values assigned to the application group of processes such that processors are added and removed from the affinity mask dynamically based upon these priority values. Microsoft does not teach or suggest such an arrangement as recited within the independent claims. As such, the claimed inventions in claims 1-20 as amended are not anticipated by Microsoft.

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CONCLUSION

Based on all these considerations and amendment, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is again urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,

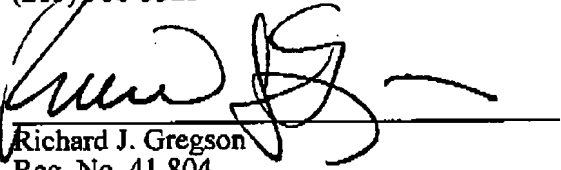
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